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Phoenix Union College-going Seniors Helped by Foundation Scholarships

PHOENIX--The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education awarded scholarships this year totaling \$90,200 assisting 80 District seniors in furthering their education at Arizona colleges and universities next year.

The Phoenix Union Foundation for Education, a 501 (c) (3) that supports pathways to success in college, career and life, and provides support for District-wide, college-going student programs and college scholarships, began in 1985 as the Phoenix Union Partnership of Business and Education. In recent years, it has concentrated on generating need-based scholarships for PUHSD students.

Scholarships ranged from \$100 annually to \$8,000 over a four-year academic career, distributed from a pool of scholarship resources from individual and organization donors to employee contributions and fundraising events.

Five seniors received four-year scholarships of \$8,000 each—**Delcia Blancas Hernandez**, North; **Blanca Chavez**, Metro Tech; **Jose Madril**, Bioscience; **Paulette Olivas**, Trevor Browne and **Brisaedy Plasencia**, Franklin Police and Fire.

Named scholarships to 14 students, totaling \$15,700, were supported by various community, business and PUHSD staff, family and friends to recognize loved ones, support students, or as part of a fundraising sponsorship.

Fifteen students benefited from the generosity of Phoenix Union employees whose contributions were used for “Invest in the Best” Scholarships of \$1,000 each. The Phoenix Union Black Alliance Scholarship awarded \$4,500 to three students, and 19 Betty Fairfax students earned scholarships through proceeds from its fundraising activities.

Proceeds from the 2018 Phoenix Union Scholarship Dinner and the Foundation Scholarship Open Golf Tournament were used to fund this year’s Foundation Scholarships. In addition, a portion of the proceeds from the Phoenix Union Sports Hall of Fame Athletic Awards Dinner in December benefitted 24 student-athletes-two from each school and two District winners. Proceeds from this year’s Scholarship Dinner in February and Golf Tournament in May will be used for next year’s scholarships. These two Foundation fundraisers are also contributing to an endowment fund that is at \$750,000, with a goal of \$1 million.

Scholarship applications are distributed to all District employees and are due in April. This year, 146 applications were completed. Volunteer business, community and education members read and score the applications which are awarded in May. A Scholarship Reception will recognize this year’s recipients, May 15 at Metro Tech.

Individuals or businesses interested in volunteering or making a scholarship donation to the Foundation for Education can visit www.foundation4education.org.

Phoenix Union Foundation 2019 Scholarships

Foundation Scholarship \$40,000 (\$8,000 each)

Delcia Blancas Hernandez - North HS
Blanca Chavez - Metro Tech HS
Jose Madril - Bioscience HS
Paulette Olivas - Trevor G. Browne HS
Brisaedy Plasencia - Franklin HS

Invest In the Best \$15,000 (\$1,000 each)

Ana Alvarado- Chavez HS
Manuel Angulo Rodriguez- Central HS
Elena Ascencio- Chavez HS
Jailene Ayala- Camelback HS
Magda Damas Jaquez- Metro Tech HS
Milton Estrada- Trevor G. Browne HS
Dariana Najera- Carl Hayden HS
Jacob Ornelas-Betty Fairfax HS
Citlalla Otero Banuelos- Alhambra HS
Lauryn Rivera Urquidez- Bioscience HS
Amy Rodriguez- Maryvale HS
Jessica Teran Gutierrez- Camelback HS
Michael Whittaker-South Mountain HS
Than Da Win- Alhambra HS
Jordan Young- Central HS

Gabriel Villa Memorial Scholarship \$2,000 (\$1,000 each)

Luis Cano Vazquez- Metro Tech HS
Hidaly Hernandez- Metro Tech HS

Blue Cross Blue Shield Scholarship \$4,000 (\$2,000 each)

Luis Romo- Metro Tech HS
Christian Cruz-Amador- Cesar Chavez HS

Logicalis Scholarship \$1,000

Brian Castro Diaz- Trevor G. Browne HS

Anonymous Donor \$1,000

Melody Torres

Maria Gomez KD Chi Dream Scholarship \$1,000

Luis Cano Vazquez

Paul Lowes PathMaker Scholarship \$1,000

Jamie Martinez- BioScience HS

Mari Powell Scholarship \$700

Brenda Osuna Munguia

Pallissard/Lowes Pay-It-Forward Scholarship \$2,500 (\$500 each)

Aleesha Brumit- North HS

Taylor Dancil- North HS

Amala Rose Paul Mundadan- North HS

Nizhoni Smith- North HS

Selena Valladares- North HS

Black Alliance Scholarship \$4,500 total

\$2,000 Kaya White- Fairfax HS

\$1,500 Jacson Dayee- Alhambra HS

\$1,000 Mariam Terry- Fairfax HS

Betty Fairfax Awards \$4,500

AVID – Mario Barron

ESS – Terry Tate

Art – Angel Guzman

Performing Art – Andrew Kaufman

Industrial Tech – Deontre Cameron

ROTC – Eric Garcia

CTE – Samuel Martinez

FACS – Xiomara Barbeitia

FACS – Kimberly Tapia and Alexis Winfield

English – Krystal Ortiz Borboa

World Languages – Chiamaka Agba

Counseling – Mohamud Noor & Xitlallie Ortega-Perez

Science – Nathan Robbins-Haley

Math – Amanda Nunes

Social Studies – Josh Carrillo

IMC – Sarah Paine

Wooley Engineer – Myriaha Alvarado

Sports Hall of Fame Athletic Awards \$13,000 Total

1. **Phoenix Union Sports Hall of Fame Campus Male and Female Athletes of the Year \$500 each**
 - **Alhambra**-Edgar Landeros and Reyna Caudillo
 - **Camelback**-Dante Cartwright and Chermiqua Tsosie
 - **Central**-Cosma Kwete and EiEi Nang
 - **Cesar Chavez**-Samuel Hernandez and Ana Avila Figueroa
 - **Betty Fairfax**-Anthodius Ashley and Ma'Kayla Dickerson
 - **Carl Hayden**-Kyle Boone and Viridiana Ruiz
 - **Maryvale**-Adolfo Cano and Mawata Lucky Demaih
 - **Metro Tech**-Miguel de la Rosa Solis and Hidaly Hernandez
 - **North**- Joel Rojas and Giselle Esparza Gonzalez
 - **South Mountain**-Benjamin Vasquez and Cyerra Nicole Taylor
 - **Trevor Browne**-Luis Chavez and Citlaly Pulgarin
2. **Phoenix Union Sports Hall of Fame District Male and Female Athletes of the Year \$1,000 each**
 - **Female** - Ma'Kayla Dickerson from Betty Fairfax
 - **Male** – TBA